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KNOTTINGLEY URBAN DISTRICT.

Medical Officer's Report,

for the Year 1925.

KNOTTINGLEY :

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To the Knottingley Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1925, in compiling which I have followed the instructions issued by the Ministry of Health.

1 —NATURAL and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA.

Area, 1484 acres.

Population 7061.

Knottingley lies on the South bank of the river Aire, and is of a somewhat scattered nature. For the most part it is flat, the highest part being the district known as Hill Top, and then gently sloping down to Aire Street and the river. The Aire and Calder Canal runs through it, and is spanned by a number of bridges.

Number of inhabited houses (1921), 1494.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921),

Rateable value,

Sum represented by the penny rate,

The chief industries are glass bottle works and chemical works. The potteries at Ferrybridge also absorb a certain amount of female labour, and there are a number of miners resident in the place who work in collieries outside the district.

STREETS.

With the exception of the main thoroughfare through Knottingley all the streets are in urgent need of attention.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

BIRTHS: Total 184.

Legitimate: 88 male, 88 female.

Illegitimate: 6 male, 2 female.

Birth rate: 26.33.

Deaths.

Total Deaths from all causes: 95 (56 males, 39 females).

Death rate is 13.56.

Number of women dying in consequence of childbirth:

(a) from Sepsis, none; (b) other causes, 1.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:
173.9.

Deaths from Measles (all ages), 1.

Deaths from Whooping Cough, 3.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years), 1.

The Death rate has decreased from 15.42 last year to 13.56 this year.

The Birth rate has decreased from 29.85 to 26.33.

The Infantile Mortality rate is increased this year.

Analysis of Death returns: There have been 15 deaths from pneumonia, 7 from pulmonary tuberculosis, 7 from heart disease.

In Infants under one year there were 11 died from congenital debility and malformation and premature birth. This is the chief cause of the high infantile mortality rate. There was also a case of triplets, with all three children dying shortly after birth. Even considering this the infantile mortality rate is much too high, and I consider that more mothers should avail themselves of the Clinic, especially for the antenatal work.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases.

	Total.	Removed to Hospital.	Nursed at Home.
Diphtheria	... 2	2	—
Scarlet Fever	... 4	2	2
Pneumonia	... 13	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	—
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	4	—	—
Tuberculosis (Non-pulmonary)	2	—	—
Amount of Poor Law Relief:			

Causes of Sickness.

During 1925 Knottingley was comparatively free from epidemics. Influeza was prevalent in the Spring, and several deaths occurred from influenzal pneumonia.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

1.—TUBERCULOSIS. Controlled by County Council (Public Health Committee).

	Beds available.	
	Men.	Women.
Middleton-in-Wharfedale Sanatorium	250	—
Cardigan Sanatorium, near Wakefield	—	50
Mitchell Memorial Home, Rawdon	30	—

Cases of Tuberculosis occurring in the district and notified are controlled by the Tuberculosis Officer at Pontefract, who makes arrangements for admission to Sanatorium.

II.—MATERNITY HOSPITALS.

The County Council has arrangements with the Wakefield Corporation for admission to their Maternity Home (with 16 beds) for patients in the West Riding, and with the Edenfield Private Maternity Home, Doncaster (with 6 beds). These would be the most suitable places for patients from this area.

Fees: £3/3/0 per week, plus surgeon's fee if necessary.

III.—CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

Acute Surgical cases:—Pontefract Infirmary.

Medical cases:—Leeds Infirmary.

IV.—FEVER HOSPITALS.

Pontefract Joint Hospital. Accommodation 50 beds. This serves Pontefract, Knottingley and the Pontefract Rural District Council for the isolation of infectious diseases, not including Small Pox.

This has been found to be sufficient. The Hospital is situated at Baghill, Pontefract.

V—SMALL POX.

Joint Small Pox Hospital. Situated at Sherburn-in-Elmet, and has accommodation for 25 patients. It also serves the Tadcaster Rural District.

VI.—OTHER.

Surgical cases to Pontefract Infirmary and Leeds Infirmary.
Medical cases to Leeds Infirmary.

I consider that the surgical accommodation is adequate and very good. However, there is a very great need for hospital accommodation for medical cases. Nearly twenty miles is a long way to go for a patient acutely ill with a condition such as Pneumonia, acute Bright's Disease, or Acute Rheumatism.

I would point out that there is no accommodation for the treatment of medical diseases of young babies and children, and in view of the very high infantile mortality I consider the provision of one to be very urgent.

A cottage hospital run in connection with Pontefract Rural District or Medical Wards added to the Pontefract Infirmary would suffice both for treatment of medical cases and for infants' and children's diseases.

At the present time the patients of the poorer classes have to take their chance at home and be nursed by relatives and friends in their own homes under conditions which do not give the patients the best chance of recovery.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS.

The Haven, Pontefract, supported by voluntary contributions.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.

Knottingley, Chapel Street School.

SCHOOL CLINICS.

Knottingley, Chapel Street School.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Linden Terrace, Pontefract.

TREATMENT CENTRE FOR VENEREAL DISEASES.

Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.

These last four centres are administered by the County Council.

MIDWIVES

practising in the area are under the supervision of the County Council.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

Nil.

CHEMICAL WORK.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are conducted at the Public Health Laboratory, County Hall, Wakefield, and are provided and maintained by the County Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Dr. J. M. Norman, Medical Officer of Health. Also M.O.H.
for Pontefract Rural District Council.

Mr. J. Belford, Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

The Water and Sewage Disposal and Housing is dealt with in the Surveyor's report, which is appended. I should like to thank Mr. Belford for the valuable and willing help he has given me throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. NORMAN.

Knottingley Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

MR. JAMES BELFORD.

To the Medical Officer of Health,

Knottingley Urban District Council.

Sir,

As required by the Regulations of the Ministry of Health I beg to submit the following summary of work carried out during year ending December 31st, 1925.

WATER SUPPLY.

This has been continuous during the year, and a recent analysis proved that the increased consumption does not affect the high organic purity and suitability for all domestic purposes. The Reservoir and Mains have been cleansed to remove small deposits of sand which collect over a period.

SEWAGE.

The work of improving is still in progress. During the year regular flushing of sewers has been arranged for, and although the gradients are very flat there has not been great difficulty in keeping the sewers in working order.

With regard to the plant. After serving well over twenty years replacements are becoming necessary, and the Council have these under consideration.

The increase in Water Closets and new Houses has made it imperative to extend the sludge beds for more efficient disposal.

SCAVENGING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The year under review has been one of some difficulty owing to change of Contractor. The work has been carried out under a new arrangement, as motors have almost displaced horses in cleansing work. Two motors are in constant use, and horses and carts when necessary.

The new arrangements have worked very well; complaints now receive immediate attention. Owing to different capacity of receptacles there is occasionally some little delay, but this is guarded against as much as possible.

The whole of the refuse, with the exception of a small quantity which is carted direct on to the land, is disposed of at the Middle Lane tip.

SMOKE NUISANCE.

Complaints having been made on several occasions against fumes and smoke in a certain area (Womersley Road), the owners were communicated with and a very appreciable improvement has been made.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND PLACES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED.

This work, which has been specially dealt with by the Ministry of Health, is receiving attention, and improvements are in hand at the places where necessary.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are nine Private Slaughterhouses in the District. These are regularly inspected.

One case of emergency slaughter was investigated, and the carcase was passed as fit for human consumption. This was a case of obstructions in the throat, the Veterinary Surgeon advising the slaughter of the beast.

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HOUSE REPAIRS, Etc.

This work has received considerable attention during the year. There has been some difficulty with regard to skilled labour, otherwise much more work would have been carried out.

In several cases owners have given instructions, but work has been delayed for the above reason.

Summary of work carried out during the year is appended.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES BELFORD.

Knottingley Urban District Council.

SANITARY REPORT FOR YEAR 1925.

The following table gives briefly the work carried out during the year:—

Houses and Premises Inspected	...	263
Common Lodging Houses Inspected	...	30
Factories and Workshops	...	36
Cowsheds and Dairies	...	50
Slaughter Houses (Weekly)	...	52
Houses, Roofs, etc., Repaired	...	146
Houses Disinfected	...	18
Privies Converted to Water Closets	...	14
House Drains and Gullies Cleansed	...	62
Sewers Inspected	...	3
New Dust Bins Provided	...	34
Urinals Improved	...	7
New Water Services provided and detective pipes repaired	...	52
Taps (leaking and re-washed) 629; from Complaint Book, 131	...	760
Animals kept so as to be a Nuisance	...	16
Legal Notices	...	4
Legal Actions taken	...	1
Informal Notices	...	43
Ashpits requiring attention	...	228
Plans submitted during the year	...	16

DETAILS OF PLANS.

- (1). Alteration to "Roper's Arms" Inn.—Completed.
- (2). Alteration to "Lime Keel" Inn.—Completed.
- (3). Alteration to "Buck Inn."—Completed.
- (4). Two Semi-detached Houses, Mrs. E. Lightowler. In progress.
- (5). One Detached House, Miss L. Harris.—In Progress.
- (6). One Detached House, Mr. W. Bramham.—In Progress.
- (7). One Detached House, Mr. A. Toulson.—In Progress.
- (8). One Semi-detached House, Mr. T. Wild.—In Progress.
- (9). One Semi-detached House, Mr. J. Wood.—In Progress.
- (10). Motor Garage, Messrs. Toulson & Sons.—Not Commenced.
- (11). Motor Garage, Mr. H. Jackson.—Completed.
- (12). House Improvement, Mr. S. Marshall.—Completed.

- (13). Alteration to "Commercial Inn."—Not Commenced.
- (14). Alteration to House, Mr. Naylor.—Completed.
- (15). New Store House, Mr. Lister.—Not Commenced.
- (16). Bungalow, Miss M. G. Richards.—In Progress.

WATER.

Water is purchased from the Pontefract Corporation, and is received at the reservoir, the Headlands. The altitude is sufficient to supply every portion of the District

SEWAGE.

The sewage is received at two stations: No. 1, Stocking Lane; and No. 2, Common Lane. These separate works are necessary because the District is intersected by the Goole Canal, owned by the Aire and Calder Navigation Co. The main works are at Stocking Lane, and the whole of the treatment is arranged for there. The sewage is first received in an underground tank and lifted into the overhead tank to obtain altitude for distribution over the works. There are two cone-shaped detritus tanks, the sewage afterwards passing through sprinklers and percolating filters, and is finally treated on the land. Although the works are not of the latest construction fair results are obtained. The Council have considered the alteration from steam (for pumping purposes) to oil or electricity, but up to the present no change has been made.

TABLE M. 13.
Causes of Death in the Knottingley Urban District, 1925.

Causes of Death				Males	Females
ALL CAUSES (Civilians only) ...				56	93
1	Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...
2	Small-pox	...	...	...	...
3	Measles	...	...	1	...
4	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...
5	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	3
6	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...
7	Influenza	...	...	...	2
8	Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...
9	Meningococcal Meningitis	...	...	...	...
10	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	4	3
11	Other Tuberculous diseases	...	...	1	...
12	Cancer, Malignant disease	...	...	7	2
13	Rheumatic Fever	...	...	...	...
14	Diabetes	...	...	...	...
15	Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c.	...	...	...	2
16	Heart Disease	...	...	5	2
17	Arterio-sclerosis	...	...	...	...
18	Bronchitis	...	...	4	6
19	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	11	4
20	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	1
21	Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...
22	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	...	...	1	...
23	Appendicitis and Typhlitis	...	...	...	...
24	Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...
25	Acute and chronic Nephritis	...	...	2	...
26	Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...
27	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	...	...	...	1
28	Congenital debility and malformation premature birth	...	...	8	3
29	Suicide	...	...	...	...
30	Other Deaths from Violence	...	...	3	...
31	Other defined diseases	...	...	9	10
32	Causes ill-defined or unknown	...	...	...	...
Special Causes (including above)					
	Poliomyelitis	...	...	1	...
	Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...
Deaths of Infants under 1 year				22	10
Illegitimate				2	...
Total Births				94	90
Legitimate				88	88
Illegitimate				6	2
Population				7,061.	

TABLE X.

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY
during the year 1925.

(Provisional figures. The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on population estimated to the middle of 1925, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1924. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns.)

	Birth-Rate per 1,000 Total Popu- lation.	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population.										Rate per 1,000 Births.		Percentage of Total Deaths.		
		All Causes.	Enteric Fever.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping- cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years).	Total Deaths under One Year.	Causes of Death certi- fied by Registered Medical Practition- ers.	Inquest Cases.	Uncertified Causes of Death.	
England and Wales ...	18.3	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.67	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	92.1	6.9	1.1	
105 Great Towns including London (Census Popu- lations exceeding 50,000)	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.30	0.43	10.8	79	92.1	7.3	0.6	
157 Smaller Towns (Census Populations 20,000— 50,000 ...	18.3	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.14	0.06	0.31	0.38	7.6	74	93.0	5.9	1.2	
London ...	18.0	11.7	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.23	0.46	10.6	67	91.1	8.9	0.1	

Infectious Diseases during the Year 1925.

Disease.	No. of Cases Notified.	No. of Cases removed to Hospital.
Small-pox	0	0
Scarlet Fever	4	2
Diphtheria including Mem. Croup	2	2
Enteric Fever		
Typhoid	0	0
Paratyphoid	0	0
Pneumonia	13	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
Acute Polio-encephalitis	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0
Typhus Fever	0	0
Relapsing Fever	0	0
Continued Fever	0	0
Trench Fever	0	0
Dysentery	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1
Erysipelas	0	0
Respiratory Tuberculosis	4	0
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	2	0

Table D. Summary of Housing Work during 1925.

Table showing action under Sections 17, and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, Section 28 of the 1919 Act, Section 10 of the 1923 Act, and the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, dated September 2nd, 1910, or matters arising therefrom.

		Col. Nos.	
Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924.	Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28 1919 ; Section 10, 1923.	1	—
	Houses with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).	2	—
	Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909.	3	—
Housing inspected for "Housing defects" in 1925 under Acts and Regulations.	Total inspected and recorded.	4	263
	Houses found satisfactory on inspection.	5	117
	Houses needing further action.	6	146
Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10 of 1923 ; and Section 1, 1925.	Houses found with defects.	7	141
	Houses of this class remedied without formal notice.	8	69
	Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.	9	30
	Houses made fit after formal notice.	10	30
	Houses in respect of which the Council executed or were executing work in default of owner.	11	—
	Houses in which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notices.	12	—
Action under P.H. Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10 of 1923 ; & Section 1, 1925.	Houses with defects.	13	—
	Houses remedied without service of formal notice.	14	—
	Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.	15	—
	Houses made satisfactory after formal notice.	16	—
Unfit Houses.	Houses found to be totally unfit.	17	5
	Houses closed voluntarily.	18	—
	Unfit houses remedied without formal notice.	19	—
	Houses represented to Council for closing orders.	20	—
	Houses in respect of which closing orders were made.	21	—
	Houses closed after service of closing order.	22	—
	Houses made fit and closing order determined by Council.	23	—
	Houses demolished voluntarily.	24	5
	Houses for which demolition orders were made by Council	25	—
	Houses demolished compulsorily.	26	—
Appeals.	Appeals against notices under Section 28, 1919, or Section 10, 1923, or Section 3, 1925.	27	—
	Appeals against closing orders under Section 17, 1909.	28	—
	Appeals under Section 17 (6) 1909, or Section 11 (6) 1925, refusal to determine closing orders.	29	—
	Appeals against demolition orders Section 18, 1909.	30	—
Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1925.	Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10 1923 ; Section 1, 1925.	31	—
	Houses with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).	32	42
	Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909 ; Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925.	33	—

Other Action in regard to Housing.

Total number of houses in district—1,500.

Number of working-class houses—1,304.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of health in Manual Vol. I., 1919—Large proportion below standard.

Obstructive Buildings.—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890, or Sec. 19, 1925 Act?—Lodging House under consideration. Result of Action (if any)—Now being dealt with.

Any building represented by Local Government Electors under Sec. 38 (2) of 1890 Act, or by a Justice of Peace, Parish Council, or 4 Government Electors under Section 10, 1925 Act? None.

Unhealthy Areas.—Any representations under part I. or II. of the 1890 or part II. of 1925 Act? None.

Re-construction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act or part II. of the 1925 Act? No.

Conversion of Houses.—Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act or of closed houses under Section 4, 1925 Act? No.

Penalty on re-letting houses ordered to be closed.—Any action under Sec. 12 of 1925 Act? No.

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925? No.

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of Local Government Act, 1894? No.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923? Yes. If so, how many houses sanctioned? 1.

Any scarcity of houses? If so, where? Yes. All District.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where? Yes. Aire Street and The Island.

Any special activity in house building, and where? Council's Housing Estate, Gagg's Warren Close, Hill Top, Knottingley.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 17 (7) 1906 Act, or under Section 18, 1925 Act?

Total number of houses built in the district under state-aided and all conditions in 1925.

(a) Working Class dwellings—14. (b) Other—

State-aided Housing Schemes.

A. *Scheme under 1919 Act.*

Number of houses erected in 1925. (1) By Council—None.

(1) By Private Builders' Subsidy—None.

B. *Scheme under 1923 Act.*

Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act ? Yes.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval ? Yes. Has it been approved ? Yes.

If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same—
Houses by Private Individuals, area not exceeding 950 square feet.

Is assistance given to private individuals ? (a) By lump sum—
Yes. If so, how much, £100.

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925—None.

Number of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1924—13.

C. *Scheme under 1924 Act.*

Number of houses provisionally approved by Ministry—None.

Total Number of houses provided under all state-aided schemes in 1925—13.

Town Planning.

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee in 1925 ?
No.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1924 deciding to prepare a scheme ? No.

Any scheme contemplated ? No.

Have Council propounded a scheme in 1925 ? No.

Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925 ? No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925 ? No.

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval ? No.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910—

TABLE C., Year 1925.

Knottingley Urban Sanitary District.

Nuisance Inspections.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1924, for Nuisances only—435.

Nuisances reported in 1925—313. } Total needing abatement—334.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1924—21. } Abated during 1925— 292.

Outstanding end of 1925— 42.

Notices served, Informal—198.

Complied with—158.

„ „ Statutory— 16.

„ „ —14.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings—2.

Filthy Houses, Cleansing of—3.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	No. in District.	No. on Register.	Total No. of Inspec- tions made.	General Condition.	Legal pro- ceedings (if any).
Common Lodging Houses	1	1	30	Very Bad, recommend closing	
Houses let in Lodgings ...					
Canal Boats ...					
Knackers Yards ...					
Tents, Vans and Sheds ...					
Offensive Trades ...					
(Please specify kind.)					

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades ? No.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Developments during 1925—New Sewer to Gagg's Warren Housing Estate.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of Sewers—None.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers,
Street Sewers and Surface Water Drains in progress.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy

(b) Any complaints—Lack of sludge beds, but
no difficulty as sludge is burnt.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection ? No.

Closet Accommodation.

No. of Privies with open middens—12.

„ Pail or Tub Closets—81.

„ Privies with covered middens—262.

„ Water Closets—730.

Waste-water Closets

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as w.c.'s—14.

(b) other

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1925—

(a) w.c.'s—1. (b) other

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) w.c.'s—7.

(b) other

Scavenging.

Any change during 1925 ? New Scavenger April 1st, 1925. Work
now done by Motor.

Performed by (a) Council (b) Contractor—Yes.

(c) Owners or Occupiers

How is refuse disposed of ? No. of loads to (a) Destructor

(b) Tips 2,300. (c) Farmers

Total annual cost £572.

Is there any inadequacy, and where ? None.

Any utilization of waste material ? Yes. If so, what ? For boiler firing Sewage Works.

Water Supply.

Any developments during 1925 ? New Water Main Gaggs Warren Estate.

Restricted in any way ? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where ? None.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where ? None.

Any new sources added ? No.

Any disused sources re-used ? No.

Milk Supply.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2(3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies Amendment Act.

(a) For Retailers (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders—
Cowkeepers and Purveyors.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of :—

“Certified” milk—No. “Grade A”—No. “Grade A
(Tuberculin Tested)”—No. “Grade A (Pasteurised)”—No.
“Pasteurised”—No.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested.—No.

Have any Retailers been removed from the register ? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D.
Acts

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows ? Where suspicious, Vet. called in.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925 ? No.

No. of Milk Cows kept in District, 76.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk, 20.
No. Registered, 20.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers, 20. No. who are Milk Retailers only, 4. Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered, 24.

Total No. of Cowsheds, 20. Total No. of Inspections in 1925, 60.

Cowkeepers, 20. Retailers, 24.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations ? January, 1900. Any Legal Action ? No.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent ? No.

Other Foods.

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt ? At homes, generally found fair.

No. of seizures of unsound food, 1. Kind and quantity, Liver.

Any Public Abattoir ? No. What accommodation ? None.

No. of Slaughterhouses, 9. No. Licenced, 9.

Unsatisfactory, structurally, or in bad position ? Fair condition.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse Inspected ? 26.

Total Inspections, 234.

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs (b) Unsound Food
Food (c) *re* Slaughter Houses

No. of Bakehouses, 4. Any underground ? Total No. of Inspections, 30.

Schools.

No. of Schools in district, 5.

No. visited by M.O.H. Action taken, All disinfected.

Schools closed by M.O.H.

Factories and Workshops.

No. of Smoke observations taken, 1.

No. of Cautions, 1.

Legal Notices Summonses

No. of Workshops, 37.

No. of times each Workshop inspected, 4.

Total inspections, 148.

Any Industrial Welfare Worker appointed ?

Adoptive Acts.

Acts adopted during 1925—(*Please state parts or sections*)

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.

Do. Do. 1907. } Yes.

Private Street Works Act, 1892. No.

Public Health Act, 1925.

Byelaws and Regulations in force in District.

Subject			Date of Approval
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements	...	...	September, 1899
Scavenging	...	...	" "
Prevention of Nuisances	...	...	No.
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	September, 1899
New Streets and Buildings	...	...	July, 1925
Alteration of Buildings	...	...	No.
Slaughter Houses	...	...	September, 1899
Baths and Wash-Houses	...	...	No.
Houses let in Lodgings	...	...	No.
Cemeteries	...	...	1859
Mortuaries	...	...	1912
Offensive Trades	...	...	No.
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	No.

Any relaxation of Bye-laws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919 ?

Infectious and other Diseases.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925 ? None.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list ? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the district ? No.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases ? No.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages ? No.

Hospitals and other Institutions.

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| (a) General : | Accident | Pontefract Infirmary. |
| | | Leeds General Infirmary. |
| | Children | Do do. |
| (b) Local : | Hospital, Cottage | None. |
| | Infectious, General | Baghill Isolation Hospital. |
| | Smallpox | Isolation Hospital in Pontefract in Tadcaster District. |
| (d) Maternity | | None. |
| Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases ? No. | | |
| (e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme, No. | | |
- Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital. No.
- Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital, No.
- (b) Smallpox Hospital, No.

Tuberculosis.

Inspection of patient's home and Workshop, Yes. Examination for contacts, Yes.

Is house disinfected. Yes. When ? As soon as notified and after death.

Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed. Yes.

Action *re* spitting.

Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum ?

Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners ? Yes.

Infant Mortality.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare ? No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925. Congenital debility and premature birth.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action ? Glaxo provided at the Clinic.

Vital Statistics.

Births during 1925	Males	Females	Total
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No. illegitimate included in above

Deaths during 1925	Gross Deaths, <i>i.e.</i> , Total actually registered in the District <i>without any correction</i>
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Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated	Males	{
	Females	

Mortuaries.

What accommodation (a) for accidents. Good Mortuary Accommodation for one body. (b) for infectious cases other than at Hospital None. (c) for other purposes.

Sanitary Staff.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H. ? £70.

Name of Sanitary Inspector. Jas. Belford.

Annual Salary as Inspector. £250.

Other appointments held. Surveyor.

Salary for such other appointments. £150.

Any Assistants ? No.

Is Staff sufficient ? Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by
Ministry of Health? Yes.

Clinics. Any suggestions—

(a) Tuberculosis.

(b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if in any difficulty in
reaching nearest. Cases sent by General Practitioners to Clayton
Hospital.

Housing—

See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase
of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2) None.

Factories, Workshops & Workplaces.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)		Number of		
		Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
Factories	8	32	1	9
(Including Factory Laundries)				
Workshops	37	137		
(Including Workshop Laundries)				
Workplaces ... ..	...		
(Other than Outworkers' premises)				
Total	45	189		

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of cleanliness	1	1		
Want of ventilation				
Overcrowding				
Want of drainage of floors				
Other nuisances				
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient	1	Remedied after notice.		
{ unsuitable or defective				
{ not separate for sexes				
<i>Offences under the Factory & Workshop Acts :</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bake-house (s. 101)				
Total	2	2		

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